

LTBB Odawa Appropriations and Finance Committee
Minutes
January 21, 2009
Natural Resource Building Conference room

Meeting called to Order: 1:44 p.m.

Roll Call: Committee Person Yellowbank, Committee chairman Gerald Chingwa, Committee Person Shirley Oldman

Guests and Staff Present: Chief Financial Officer Valerie Tweedie, Legislative Leader Beatrice A. Law, Dexter McNamara

Agenda:

Motion to adopt Agenda as amended by Committee Person Shirley Oldman. Second by Committee Person Alice Yellowbank. Motion Passes.

Minutes:

Motion to table Minutes of January 21, 2009. Motion Passes.

Public Comment:

Public Comment opens at 2:32 p.m.

Tribal Citizen Shirley Oldman raises a concern about the Tribal Health Clinic making decisions to close the Health Clinic offices because of "snow days". The concern is raised because of a response from the clinic that the department might close for the day and that she should not make an appointment to see the doctor. Tribal citizen Oldman is ill and needs to visit her family physician regularly. Shirley states that the Tribal Clinic should revisit their Health Care Priorities. Shirley states that the clinic's priority should be health care and not concerns about the weather.

Tribal Citizens Gerald Chingwa states that elder Oldman's concerns about the Health Clinic "snow day" closures are felt by many other Tribal citizens that travel to the Clinic only to find that the Tribal Health Clinic is closed. Tribal Citizen Bea Law reports that the local newspaper came in to the offices today and she gave a short comment about President Obama's election.

Tribal Citizen Melvin L. Kiogima remarks that the State does not have "snow days" and that the Tribe should eliminate "snow days".

Old Business:

Discussion to review FY2010 Budget line by line. The Budget is made available to Appropriations and Finance Committee on "flash drive". A question is raised why training and travel may be needed for new staff or Tribal Council. The new

Prosecutor will need to provide a written narrative for FY2010 budget justification. Chief Financial Officer Valerie Tweedie will e-mail notice to Prosecutor.

Election Board FY2010 budget is reviewed. Space costs at this time is not correct. Chief Financial Officer Valerie Tweedie to compute correct space costs.

Discussion about reduction of number of meetings for FY2010 from 24 meetings to 12 and keep Special Meetings at 5. there are still incorrect entries on registration. A deceased Tribal Elder is still on registry.

Discussion about the Per Capita distribution and that a statement should be sent to Tribal citizens after the February numbers are all in.

Discussion on Cost of Living Allowance (COLA). The COLA issue is on the Tribal Council agenda for Sunday January 25, 2009.

Discussion on 2009 executive Budget reduction and cost savings budget resolution new budget.

Discussion regarding land issue parcel #27.

New Business:

Legislative Attorney Contract that includes 5% merit increase. The attorney wants to write an addendum to the contract. The Appropriations and Finance Committee agrees that the contract issue should be forwarded to the Tribal Council.

The committee is concerned that the Executive Branch should provide Department lay off procedures with the lay off narrative that was provided.

General Discussion:

Tribal Citizen Dexter McNamara inquiries about the Elder's food and utility Program for 2009. The committee assures Dexter that the Committee will contact the Elder's Program Director and find out if the Food and utilities program is in the 2009 budget.

Next Meeting date:

The next scheduled Appropriations and Finance Committee meeting is February 4, 2009 at the Natural Resource Department conference room at 1:30 p.m.

Adjourn:

Motion to adjourn at 4:42 p.m. by Committee Person Shirley Oldman. Second by committee person Alice Yellowbank. Motion passes.